



Young Professionals Nite 2007

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On a warm evening on the 27th January 2007, the Graduate & Student Section (G&S) wrote another chapter in its illustrious history by hosting the first ever gathering for the Young Professionals, with the theme for the evening aptly named 'Young Professionals Nite (YPN) 2007'.

As globalization dawns upon us and the world becomes more competitive, it is imperative that we 'think outside the box' and work closely with not only our fellow engineers, but also all other young professionals in order to develop a sustainable future. And with this in mind, the YPN was held with the main objective of promoting better communications, mutual assistance & sharing of knowledge & cooperation with other like-minded Young Professionals.

Jointly organized by the External Affairs Portfolio and Social & Community Portfolio of G&S, the event was held at the MySciFiFan Outpost, Mutiara Damansara and the evening kicked-off at around 6.45 p.m.



Participants arriving & registering for Young Professionals Nite 2007 (YPN)

with the arrival of participants. At the close of registration approximately an hour later, there were a total of 83 participants – far exceeding the initial target of 50.

Among the participants were younger members of planners, accountants, chemists, chartered secretaries & administrators, doctors, veterinarians, pharmacists, lawyers,

architects, engineers & some very enthusiastic engineering students from the Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Malaya (UM).

After the registration, all participants were treated to some pre-dinner light snacks while at the same time encouraged to mingle around and network around with all. Most participants were seen busy exchanging business cards & sharing of knowledge with each other – a positive indication displaying everyone's eagerness to meet up with people and know more about others' professions. Buffet-style dinner was next on the agenda for the evening. The dinner was a great mixture of western & local dishes.

After dinner, the evening proceeded to the formal function at 9 p.m., as the IEM G&S Chairperson – Engr. Yau Chau Fong was called upon to deliver his welcoming speech. In his speech, Engr. Yau thanked all participants for showing tremendous support for YPN and gave a brief introduction about IEM G&S and its' role in the development of aspiring young engineers in Malaysia. He also stressed on the importance of developing or enhancing



Participants networking with each other while enjoying the snacks prepared

communications & relationships with all other young professional bodies.

Similarly, one representative from each professional discipline was called upon to give a brief introduction of their respective profession. At the end of the speeches by all, there were already some suggestions being touted on conducting joint events/courses/seminars in the near future for the benefits of all young professionals. On behalf of the Malaysian Bar, the National Young Lawyers' Committee (NYLC) also showed their strong social responsibilities by going round to collect fund for the thousands of victims hit by the recent flood disaster in Johor. According to Ms. Agnes Chow from NYLC, a total of RM221.00 was collected.

A group photo of all participants were then taken before the evening continued with its' informal part – the games & prize event. Engr. Kee Wai Fun was the game-master for the evening and the first game was 'taboo', where all participants were broken into groups with each group consisting of members from difference professions. From the game, everyone got to know their team members better as it not only require teamwork, interaction among all team members were essential in guessing the words given correctly.



Engr. Yau Chau Fong, the G&S Chairperson, delivering his welcoming speech for YPN '07

After a fun-filled 20 minutes of 'taboo', Engr. Kee introduced all to the 2nd game of the evening, which is a costume-dressing game. Three teams were formed, each consisting of four team members. The objective of the game is to dress up one team member with the futuristic costumes provided and the team that gets the loudest cheers from the crowd at the end would be judged the winner of the game. Prizes were presented by Engr.

Yau to all teams, courtesy of the venue owner, Mr. Richard, who happened to be an ex-committee of IEM G&S.

Before the night drew to a close, a surprise birthday celebration was held for Ms. Krystal Soong, a young member of the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society (MPS), at the request from some of her fellow young MPS members. After the birthday celebrations, Engr. Yau announced the end of the YPN 2007. Positive feedbacks from participants meant the YPN achieved its primary objective, with all participants returning home having established a networking base with other young professionals.

It is the hope and vision of us all at IEM G&S that this event would be the starting point for the establishment of stronger links/communications between all young professionals in Malaysia. From YPN 2007, IEM G&S has already invited both the NYLC & MPS to give relevant & beneficial evening talks to members of IEM. Hopefully, these collaborations would continue to prosper.

On behalf of IEM G&S, I wish everyone a HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2007! May the Year of the Boar brings everyone abundance of wealth, great health and plentiful of successes. ■



Young Professionals' Nite 2007: Group photo of participants